

20260427 On the Birth of John the Baptist

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1:59 The practice of Palestinian Judaism at this time was to name the child at birth; moreover, though naming a male child after the father is not completely unknown, the usual practice was to **name the child after the grandfather** (see Lk 1:61). The naming of the child John and Zechariah’s recovery from his loss of speech should be understood as fulfilling the angel’s announcement to Zechariah in Lk 1:13, 20.

[Oz Pearlman](#) has revealed the trick he was performing when shots rang out at the [White House Correspondents' Association Dinner](#).

"The night was going very, very well. I was warming up the crowd, the VP was loving my show, and I was speaking to the press secretary," he tells USA TODAY. The White House press secretary, [Karoline Leavitt](#), is expecting her second baby with husband Nicholas Riccio any day. "The challenge was to figure out the name of her unborn daughter," Pearlman recalls.

The mentalist did just that. He turned his notepad around to reveal the name Viviane. **[VI VI A n E](#)**

(Satan will not stop making sound effects using powerful V-8 engines parading all around near my house.)

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"The timing was insane," he adds. "Right as I did the reveal, that's exactly the moment things went down in the room. So you see the peak reaction to my trick, the 'Oh!' And then things instantly change to shock and distress."

Within moments, he was on the ground with President Donald Trump. "Seeing his face a foot away – I'll never forget that," he says. "It's a photo in my mind forever. I wish I had meta glasses on and I'd have that photo."

"It'll be funny. It'll be entertaining. There will be some shots fired tonight in the room," Leavitt, 28, said during an interview that is [gong viral on social media](#), likely referring to the jokes that [President Donald Trump](#) was planning to make during his first-ever WHCD speech. "Everyone should tune in, it's going to be really great." [\(again.\)](#)

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Karoline Leavitt pregnant with second baby as she issues public thanks to Trump

Karoline Leavitt made a special family announcement just after Christmas, announcing that she is pregnant with her second baby. [Her message included a special thanks to Trump](#)



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Oz Pearlman was standing directly between Donald and Melania Trump when he noticed people 'swarming' at the WHCA dinner. / CNN

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